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2012 Studies

The 2012 work program will include the continuation of several ongoing environmental studies. Marine studies in Iliamna Bay will include tissue sampling, seining for marine fish and shellfish, and benthic studies.

The Pebble Partnership recently released its [Environmental Baseline Document](#) (EBD), which includes 53 chapters of intensive environmental studies conducted independent



Summer/Fall Work Program Confirmed

The Pebble Partnership has received approval for its 2012 summer/fall work program.

scientific groups. Research, which was conducted between 2004 and 2008 represents disciplines that will support the NEPA ([National Environmental Policy Act](#)) process, which is triggered once permit applications are filed.

Emphasis in the coming months will focus on specific environmental studies related to water and fish habitat, as well as engineering with the intent to finalize a Project Description, stakeholder education and outreach, and workforce development initiatives.

The Pebble Partnership has cultivated several key partnerships to expand its workforce development plan, including a multi-year commitment to the Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program (ANSEP) with the University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA) and expansion of its teacher externship with the Alaska Process Industry Career Consortium. [Read more...](#)



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